

Council Committee Meeting of
August 30, 2016

Honorable Chair and Members
of the State Legislative Advocacy Committee
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: City Manager - Consider position on RESOLUTION of the League of California Cities

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the State Legislative Advocacy Committee consider its position on the resolution to be presented at the League of CA Cities Annual Conference to be held from October 5, 2016 through October 7, 2016 in Long Beach, California.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The League of CA Cities Annual Conference is scheduled from October 5, 2016 through October 7, 2016 in Long Beach, California. The Conference includes the Annual Business Meeting, where the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. The League will consider one resolution. The League is encouraging each city council to consider each resolution to determine the City's position. At the Council meeting of July 19, 2016 Mayor Furey appointed Councilmember Tim Goodrich as the voting delegate to attend the conference.

It is the role of the State Legislative Advocacy Committee to discuss the resolution and determine the City's position. In order to obtain a better understanding of what effect a resolution may have on the City, departments were requested to complete an analysis on each resolution that falls in their area of expertise. The City's criteria used in taking a position on each resolution:

- Impact to local control
- Fiscal impact to the City
- Impact on public safety

Listed below is the policy committee to which the resolution had been assigned:

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICY COMMITTEE

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| Resolution #1 | VISION ZERO Commit to the support of <i>vision zero</i> toward zero deaths, and other programs or initiatives to make safety a top priority for transportation projects and policy formulation, which encouraging cities to pursue similar initiatives |
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Police, Transit and Public Works are in **support** of this resolution.


After the Committee has taken a position on this resolution, staff will prepare the Committee's report to City Council as an agenda item for the meeting scheduled for September 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager

By 
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Management Associate

CONCUR:


for LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment:

Analysis from Police, Public Works and Community Development Departments

CITY OF TORRANCE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 23, 2016

TO: Eleanor Barthe Jones

Management Associate

FROM: Diane Megerdichian

Senior Business Manager

SUBJECT: Review of Resolution 1 from the League of California Cities

Staff from Torrance Police Department, Transit and Public Works has been asked to review the following pending Resolution from the League of California Cities:

This resolution 1 commits the League of California Cities in:

1. Supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs, policies or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety.
2. Encouraging cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways; and
3. Encouraging the State to consider adopting transportation safety as a top priority for transportation projects and policy formation.

Programs like Vision Zero and Toward Zero are comprehensive strategies to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries using a multi-disciplinary approach including education, enforcement and engineering measures.

The Torrance Police Department employs various methods to enforce traffic safety by use of D.U.I. checkpoints, driver safety checkpoints (safety belt and driver's license), and targeted enforcement which is based on data of particular intersections shown to have higher than average accident rates and the primary collision factors involved. Based on those factors, TPD will increase patrols to reduce or eliminate the causal behavior such as a distracted or impaired drivers. In addition, TPD educates through public notification on social media sites of the checkpoints or targeted enforcement, thereby increasing public awareness of unsafe driving behavior.

The City of Torrance, Transit Department (operating as the Torrance Transit System), fully supports Vision Zero, Toward Zero Death and other programs or initiatives that make safety a top priority for transportation. We stand by any initiative that strives to eliminate death and severe injuries on our roadways. Safe, efficient, and organized transportation is essential for economic viability and sustainable communities.

Based on the City of Torrance's strategic plan goals, such as: emphasis on education and enforcement to ensure safe traffic and driving practices (Torrance Police Dept), promoting the use and accessibility of public transportation (Transit Dept), maximizing the safe and efficient movement of traffic (Public Works), the City of Torrance has already proven to share the goals of this resolution to reduce traffic related fatalities and serious injury. For this reason Staff recommends **support** of this Resolution.